

History of CPAY

The Newport News Police Department's Citizen Police Academy for Youth (CPAY) has been in existence since 2002. The general Citizen Police Academy class has been in existence since 1995. We recognized youth in our community face special needs with regards to crime prevention and their relationship with the police department. For example, gang violence is becoming more prevalent in all areas of the United States and drug use is typically higher among younger citizens.

Taking all these facts into consideration, as well as a population that is more active, and has less free time to devote to a program, the first youth academy was established in which Gildersleeve Middle School provided the venue for the program.

In order to participate, you must meet the following criteria:

- Submit an application
- Be between the ages of 14 to 17 years of age
- Be connected to the City of Newport News some way (live, work, attend church, etc.)
- Have parental permission
- Pass a juvenile background check

We ask that each youth have five full days to devote to the academy, which is a week in length. There are no costs associated with attending CPAY.



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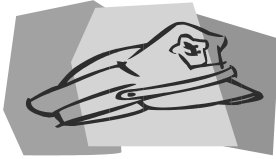


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Citizen Police Academy for Seniors



What is the Citizen Police Academy for Youth (CPAY)?

The program is designed to provide youth between the ages 14 to 17 with the opportunity to get an inside look at local law enforcement. It is done during the summer, when teens have time to devote five full days to learning with the men and women of the Newport News Police Department.

Some of the topics presented included:

- Gangs and Youth Violence
- A visit to the Newport News City Jail
- TACT TEAM
- Hostage Negotiations
- What To Do If Stopped by Police
- Traffic Stops & Demonstration, etc.

Details of the Program

The program is designed to provide 5 consecutive days of class participation. Sessions are held normally during the last week of June, Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Each day's class typically covers 2 to 3 topics. Youth are instructed to bring their lunches, or other arrangement will be made as indicated for that session. Classes are held at a predetermined location and in the past, had graciously been held at local Newport News middle and high schools. The academy culminates on Friday with an afternoon graduation. Family, friends and other community members are encouraged to attend this event to help honor our graduates and celebrate their accomplishments.

The Department hopes each member of the class will help us with our mission in the community. Graduating members are encouraged to become emissaries for the Newport News Police Department, spreading information and dispelling rumors and misconceptions. Additionally, volunteer opportunities are presented to the class for those who want to continue a "hands on" relationship with the Department.

CPAY PHOTOS



Ask us about the General and Senior Citizen Police Academies and other ways we reach out to our community.